



GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

Technical Coordinating Committee

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 10, 2000

9:00 a.m. Greensboro, NC

ATTENDEES

Jim Westmoreland	TCC Chairman / GDOT	Ken King	GDOT
Mike Mills	NCDOT, Division 7	Tyler Meyer	GDOT
Steve Kennedy	Engineering & Inspections	Richard Atkins	Neel-Schaffer
Mul Wyman	Guilford County	Paul Muschick	News & Record
Scott Walston	NCDOT, Statewide Planning	Kelly Becker	NCDOT – Area Traffic
Vida Covington	GTA	Travis Marshall	NCDOT, Statewide Planning
Scott Rhine	NCDOT, Public Transit	Craig McKinney	GDOT
Jim Elza	Guilford County Planning	Veronica Dunlap	GDOT

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of May 18, 2000 Minutes

The minutes of May 18, 2000 were approved following a motion by Steve Kennedy and a second by Scott Rhine.

Release MTIP Amendment for Public Review

Tyler Meyer stated the proposed action was to recommend TAC release the draft MTIP amendments for public review. The amendments will accelerate right of way acquisition on (U-2524 AB) Greensboro Western Urban Loop between I-85 and High Point Road to FFY 2001. Also, Section 5307 transit funds for GTA routine capital items will be rescheduled to FY 2001. Additional air quality analysis is not needed for these amendments. Advertising for the 30 day public comment period will exceed the stipulations of the public review policy, and the document will be displayed at the stipulated public offices and libraries and on the GDOT website. Mike Mills moved, Steve Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried.

Metropolitan Area Boundary Adjustment

Tyler Meyer outlined the proposed recommendation of TAC approval for an adjustment to the metropolitan area boundary (MAB). The adjustment will match the southwestern MAB to the current annexation agreements between Greensboro and High Point and between Greensboro and Jamestown. Matching the two will facilitate effective thoroughfare planning and project implementation in areas that currently fall in both High Point's annexation area and the Greensboro metropolitan area such as the Sandy Ridge Road area south of I-40.. Steve Kennedy moved, Vida Covington seconded, and the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Draft Memorandum of Understanding

Ken King stated that, after a year of discussion by TAC and TCC, a draft MOU had been prepared for TAC review and adoption. The MOU is the agreement between the City, the County, and NCDOT to conduct the MPO planning process. The MOU cites applicable legislation, outlines the planning process, and establishes the MPO Committees and representation. The MOU update would reflect current nomenclature, operating procedures, and representation, and cap-off previous discussions. The draft MOU includes a potential tie-breaking procedure based on a population-based vote weighting process.

Gallimore Dairy Road Feasibility Study

Richard Atkins reported on the *Gallimore Dairy Road Widening Feasibility Study*. The study reviewed existing conditions including an environmental screening, traffic, level of service, and accident data. The future conditions assessment modeled the need for improvements against expected changes travel demand. A public involvement process yielded supportive comments. The proposed widening will significantly reduce traffic congestion and enhance traffic operations and safety in the study area. A Gallimore Dairy Road extension across Market Street to connect to Friendly Avenue needs further study, especially if the Market Street Interchange is not constructed. Mike Mills stated that a clarification had not yet been received on whether the Gallimore Dairy Road improvements could be incorporated into the I-40 widening project.

Airport Area Transportation Study Update

Ken King reviewed the study scope and stated that an October 2001 completion date is expected. Two subcommittees have been established: (1) Alternative roadway corridor locations; and (2) Land Use. The Land Use group will review the socioeconomic forecasts assumed by the travel model. Statewide Planning will conduct the travel modeling part of the study.

Other Items:

Division Engineer Update

Mike Mills stated that the Regional Road Bridge replacement at Market Street has been let to contract. Also, a recent state action calls for replacing all school bus ahead, school warning, pedestrian warning, bicycle warning, and cross-walk warning signs with new fluorescent yellow-green signage. MPO approval will be needed.

Connections 2000 Update

Jim Westmoreland overviewed Connections 2000. A detailed presentation was scheduled for the TAC meeting.

Environmental Justice Status Report

Tyler Meyer stated that the MPO had replied to FHWA's memo to NC MPOs. However, FHWA's response has not yet been received. Staff continues EJ compliance strategy development.